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A NEW FACILITY IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE EGYPTIAN RED SEA COAST. IT IS LOCATED ABOUT 10 NM NORTH OF QUSEIR AND 30 NM SOUTH OF PORT SAFAGA AT 26-15-20N 034-12-00E.

THIS INSTALLATION CONSISTS OF BERTHING FACILITIES, LIVING QUARTERS, AND FOOTINGS FOR SEVEN LARGE BUILDINGS. THE LARGEST BUILDING IS APPROXIMATELY 675 X 195 FEET.

CONSTRUCTION ON THE BERTHING FACILITIES AND THE FOOTINGS FOR THE LARGE BUILDINGS BEGAN SOMETIME BETWEEN DECEMBER 1969 AND MARCH 1970. THE LIVING QUARTERS WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AS EARLY AS AUGUST 1967. DREDGING ACTIVITY WAS IN PROGRESS IN JULY AND NOVEMBER 1970.

CONSTRUCTION IS IN TOO EARLY A STAGE TO DETERMINE IF THIS FACILITY WILL BE A NAVAL BASE OR A PORT FACILITY TO SUPPORT THE MINING ACTIVITY (TIN, GOLD, GYPSUM AND PHOSPHATE) KNOWN TO EXIST IN THE AREA.

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